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TO: Hawaii Workers' Compensation Community and Interested Stakeholders

FROM: Gary S. Hamada, Administrator

Disability Compensation Division

SUBJECT: Standardized Forms for Workers' Compensation Health Care Providers

[WC-2 Test Form]

Act 191 was passed by the 2006 Legislature and signed into law by Governor Linda Lingle effective July 1, 2006. It requires the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), with input from interested stakeholders in the workers' compensation (WC) system, to establish standardized forms for medical service providers to use when reporting on and billing for injuries.

The Department held numerous working meetings with stakeholders including physicians, insurance representatives, and attorneys to develop an improved WC-2 Form. By focusing on creating a form that provides essential and meaningful information to all parties and minimizing reporting requirements for physicians, the enclosed forms were developed.

The DLIR recommends the use of the enclosed newly proposed WC-2 Test Form, Physician's Report, which was developed with input from various stakeholders in the workers' compensation community. The WC-2 Test Form includes treatment plan requirements and measurable objectives to include Functional Status (Attachment A) and Psychological Status (Attachment B) measurements for the injured worker. The test form is posted on the Disability Compensation Division's (DCD) website at www.hawaii.gov/labor/dcd.

Effective June 12, 2007, the DLIR recommends the use of this revised test form on an optional basis. The DLIR encourages you to use the proposed WC-2 Test Form and inform the DCD of any problems and suggestions regarding the test form by Friday, November 16, 2007. This will enable the DCD to review your suggestions.

The DLIR also recommends providers of service use the HCFA-1500 form for outpatient services, hospitals use the UB-04 forms, and dentists use the HDS/ADA dental claim forms as the standard billing forms for workers' compensation.

You may submit your written comments and recommendations to me at 830 Punchbowl Street, Room 209, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, or by e-mail at dlir.workcomp@hawaii.gov before November 16, 2007.

Enclosures